

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Forensic Science Technicians (19-4092)**

**Associated Occupation: Biological Technicians (19-4021)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 49

**Focus Occupation: Forensic Science Technicians (19-4092)**

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Biology	3.7	18.9	9.3	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Chemistry	4.8	13.5	13.1	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 80

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Reading Comprehension	10.7	14.1	13.1	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Science	4.5	11.2	9.8	<	A higher skill level may be required
Mathematics	6.2	9.4	8.5	<	A higher skill level may be required
Troubleshooting	4.5	7.9	4.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

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## Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Near Vision	11.1	13.9	15.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Information Ordering	9.9	12.3	12.9	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Selective Attention	8.7	11.8	8.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Category Flexibility	9.0	11.5	12.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	10.1	8.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Flexibility of Closure	7.8	10.0	16.0	>>	Current ability level is likely more than sufficient
Perceptual Speed	7.4	9.4	11.1	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Visual Color Discrimination	6.4	9.3	10.1	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 91

**Focus Occupation: Forensic Science Technicians (19-4092)**  
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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Adhere to safety procedures	12
Analyze biological research, test, or analysis data	70
Analyze chemical experimental, test, or analysis data or findings	69
Analyze scientific research data or investigative findings	27
Collect samples for testing	58
Collect scientific or technical data	30
Communicate technical information	4
Compile numerical or statistical data	38
Conduct analyses or tests of biological material samples	85
Conduct analyses or tests of organic compounds	71
Conduct field research or investigative studies	52
Conduct laboratory research or experiments	57
Conduct standardized qualitative laboratory analyses	62
Conduct standardized quantitative laboratory analyses	62
Conduct tests or analyses of blood samples	89
Create mathematical or statistical diagrams or charts	43
Develop or maintain databases	30
Develop tables depicting data	33
Examine biological or other material specimens under microscope	73
Explain complex mathematical information	30
Follow infectious materials procedures	52
Follow microbiology procedures	74
Maintain records, reports, or files	5

Prepare reports	8
Prepare sample for laboratory testing, analysis, or microscopy	74
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Record test results, test procedures, or inspection data	48
Set up or calibrate laboratory equipment	78
Use biological research techniques	68
Use biological testing instruments	73
Use chemical testing or analysis procedures	54
Use clinical sterilizing technique	71
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use hazardous materials information	35
Use health or sanitation standards	62
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use knowledge of metric system	39
Use laboratory equipment	60
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use microscope	71
Use precision measuring tools or equipment	17
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17
Work as a team member	36

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: 54

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Autoclave and sterilizer equipment and accessories	12
Computer data input devices	2
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Indicating and recording instruments	2
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Laboratory centrifuges and accessories	13
Laboratory heating and drying equipment	13
Laboratory mixing and stirring and shaking equipment and supplies	19
Laboratory washing and cleaning equipment	35

Respiratory protection	6
Spectroscopic equipment	10
Viewing and observing instruments and accessories	4
Weight measuring instruments	7

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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